

**Plumbing Board**  
**UPC Amendment Committee – Meeting Minutes**  
**December 1, 2015 – 12:30 p.m.**  
Department of Labor and Industry  
443 Lafayette Road No., St. Paul, MN 55155-4344

**UPC Committee Members Present**

Scott Eggen (Chair)  
Joe Beckel  
John Parizek  
Larry Justin  
Jim Lungstrom  
John Flagg

**DLI Staff & Visitors**

Cathy Tran (DLI)  
Jim Peterson (DLI)  
Lyndy Lutz (DLI)

**Committee Members Absent**

Pete Moulton

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eggen at 12:41 p.m. Introductions and housekeeping announcements were made.

**II. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Justin, seconded by Parizek, to approve the Agenda. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**III. Regular Business**

- a. Approval of Expense Reports and Per Diems  
– Eggen approved the expenses as presented.

**IV. Special Business**

- A. Discuss Committee Organization  
The direction going forward is to review the *2015* UPC.
- B. Discuss 2018 UPC Amendment Procedures  
The Committee recommended reviewing items related to cold weather and determining items to bring forward to the Plumbing Board.
- C. Discuss Amendment Proposals
  - 1. General
  - 2. Chapter Sections
  - 3. Drafts
- D. Other

The following table is a summary of suggested changes to bring forward for discussion by the Plumbing Board.

| Chapter | Section   | Comments/Discussion  |
|---------|---|--|
| 2       | Plumbing System   | UPC language does not include “nonpotable water” systems in UPC language. “using equipment, <del>medical gas and medical vacuum systems, liquid and fuel gas piping, and nonpotable water piping serving plumbing fixtures heaters and vents for same.</del> John will provide recommended language revisions/ additions at next meeting.  |
| 2       | Registered Professional Engineer                                  | <b><u>Registered Professional Engineer - For purposes of this code, "registered professional engineer," "engineer," or "registered engineer" means a person practicing professional engineering as granted authority by the State, through examination, to design and seal construction documents within their area of competency.</u></b> May be advantageous to add this language to the National code. Larry Justin will look for a definition and provide to Parizek.  |
| 3       | 301.3 Alternate Materials and Methods of Construction Equivalency | <b><u>"Prior to installation, t</u></b> Technical documentation shall be submitted to the Authority Having Jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency. <b><u>Unless prohibited by this code or by law, t</u></b> The Authority.   |
| 3       | 301.5.6 Inspection and Testing                                    | John will provide recommended language revisions/additions at next meeting. <b><u>Prior to the final plumbing inspection, the registered professional engineer shall provide written certification to the administrative authority that the system has been visually inspected by the registered professional engineer or the registered professional engineer's designee, and the installation has been properly implemented according to the certified plans, calculations, and specifications.</u></b>  |
| 3       | 317.1 General   | John will provide recommended language revisions/additions at next meeting.  |
| 4       | 403.3.1 Nonwater Urinals  | John will provide recommended language revisions/additions at next meeting.  |
| 4       | 409.7 Pedicure Tubs   | <b><u>409.7 Pedicure Tubs.</u></b><br><b><u>Pedicure fixtures must comply with IAPMO IGC 281-2015.</u></b><br><br><b>Reasons/Substantiation:</b><br>Pedicure tub is a plumbing appliance or (special plumbing fixture) supplied with water and drain outlet like any other bathtub. However, this fixture is not a listed plumbing fixture in the 2015 UPC. Pedicure tubs function very much like the whirlpool bathtubs with the exception that the size is much smaller and only the feet is submerged instead of the body. The use of these pedicure tubs exposes the public to concerns of health/sanitation and spreading of diseases through water retention from the recirculation components of the pedicure tubs which are similar to the use of a typical whirlpool bathtub in a public setting, even substantially more since pedicure tubs are used in commercial nail salons and the turnaround usage is extremely high. Therefore, minimum requirements for health and sanitation must be established to protect the public with the proposed.<br><br>The available pedicure tub standard is IAPMO IGC 281-2015, Pedicure Fixtures, which applies to fixture material construction, water retention tests, fitting requirements, as well as backflow provisions. |

| Chapter    | Section   | Comments/Discussion                                     |
|------------|---|---|
| 5          | N/A   | No recommendations                                      |
| 6          | N/A   | No recommendations                                      |
| 7          | 707.4.1 Back-to-Back  | John will provide recommended language at next meeting. |
| 7          | 710.12 Grinder Pump Ejector                                       | John will provide recommended language at next meeting. |
| 7          | 715.3 Existing Sewers   | John will provide recommended language at next meeting. |
| 8          | 804.2 Domestic or Culinary Type Fixtures Prohibited as Receptors. | John will provide recommended language at next meeting. |
| 9          | N/A   | No recommendations                                      |
| 10         | N/A   | No recommendations                                      |
| 11         | N/A   | No recommendations                                      |
| 12, 13, 14 | N/A   | Deleted   |
| 15         | N/A   | No recommendations                                      |
| 16         | N/A   | Deleted   |

**V. Open Forum**

There were no requests to speak during open forum.

**VI. Discussion**

A motion by Parizek, seconded by Justin, to carry forward all proposed code language recommendations to the Plumbing Board for review. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**VII. Announcements**

A UPC Amendment Committee meeting was scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on December 15, 2015 in the Washington Room. A special Plumbing Board meeting *will be* scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on December 29, 2015 in the Minnesota Room.

**VIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Parizek, seconded by Beckel, to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Eggen  
Chair, UPC Amendment Committee